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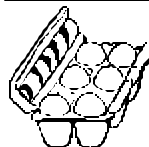
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York, prices were unchanged. Elsewhere, prices were higher on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady to firm entering the week. Retail and distributive demand was light to fairly good, best where features were planned or in progress. Supplies ranged adequate to tight for current trade requirements. Breaking stock supplies were in close balance to adequate for the light to fair demand. Light type hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for normal processing schedules.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were higher for all sizes. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was good to very good. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies well balanced to tight as many sellers hold with confidence of increasing prices. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged. Demand was quiet as breakers assess needs outside of regular commitments. Offerings were in close balance to adequate with producers continuing to move gradeable shell eggs into retail channels. Floor stocks tight to adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55-62	57-59
LARGE	53-61	55-59
MEDIUM	41-47	44-47

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

LARGE	40-44
MEDIUM	26-30
SMALL	12-16

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,western NY, and western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to previous week values. The market tone was fully steady to firm entering the week. Demand was moderate to good, best where limited features were planned or in progress. Supplies were usually adequate to closely balanced for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the light to fair demand. Light type hens were at least adequate for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	60-78	67-72
LARGE	56-75	63-66
MEDIUM	49-60	52-60

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Larger size prices increased 3 cents, mediums up 5 cents. Trade sentiment fully steady to instances firm. Retail demand moderate to good with scattered feature activity. Distributive movement moderate. Supplies of all sizes barely adequate to adequate with mediums in the shortest position. Buyers paying higher prices for additional product.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	64-71
LARGE	62-70
MEDIUM	48-53.5

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand was moderate to good, best where features were a factor. Supplies were short to closely balanced for present trade requirements. Breaking stock supplies were sufficient for the light to fair demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate to fully adequate for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	62.5-70	64-67
LARGE	61-69	62-65
MEDIUM	46-55	48-52

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged entering the week. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was moderate to good, best where scattered feature activity was planned or in progress. Supplies were usually adequate to closely balanced for current needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	72-76
LARGE	70-74
MEDIUM	59-63

CHICAGO Prices increased 2 cents for all sizes. The market tone was steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, instances good where features are planned or in progress. Supplies closely balanced to adequate.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	63-69
LARGE	61-67
MEDIUM	47-53

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WESTERN Prices 3-4 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 3 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 26% lower than last Monday with California down 22% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 33%. Retailer demand good, best to features. Offerings light.

CALIFORNIA Prices 4 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 3 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 22% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand good. Offerings light. Small benchmark price 60. Ads in Northern California: major- extra large dozen 2 for \$4, large dozen 79, 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- large dozen 58-99, 18 pack 88.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	103
EXTRA LARGE	100
LARGE	95
MEDIUM	80

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	239-299	JUMBO	235-289
EXTRA LARGE	229-299	EXTRA LARGE	215-249
LARGE	199-219	LARGE	195-229
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	175-189

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending January 17, 2003 will decrease by 6 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 10, 2003 were 268,984 cases which was 6 percent below the prior week and 5 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	231,013	37,971	268,984
% change from the prior week.....	-7	-2	-6

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 16 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices ranged unchanged. Demand was quiet as breakers assess needs outside of regular commitments. Offerings were in close balance to adequate with producers continuing to move gradable shell eggs into retail channels. Floor stocks tight to adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	33-35	34
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	17-22	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules for this week were reported as normal. Finished product supplies were about adequate. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-JAN-03.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING 5-9.5 CENTS/LB.		7-8.5	7.95
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings. Finished sales were fair with slaughter schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-JAN-03.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING 5.25-11 CENTS/LB.		7.5-8.25	8.18

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM JAN 13, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.1	12.6	5.5	10.3	44.9
	Change	-1.0	-2.1	-0.8	-2.0	-11%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.5	29.3	11.6	18.9	102.1
	Change	-1.1	-20.5	-7.2	-0.6	-25%
Large	Curr Wk	33.5	79.4	39.7	63.1	279.0
	Change	2.2	-20.3	-18.6	-5.8	-21%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.1	30.1	18.9	13.8	92.8
	Change	-0.6	-10.0	2.1	-3.2	-17%
Small	Curr Wk	4.3	7.8	6.1	9.7	32.3
	Change	-0.4	-1.0	-0.2	1.4	-9%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.8	18.6	7.2	14.8	54.7
	Change	-0.1	-0.7	-0.2	-5.4	-13%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	23.7	56.1	11.5	30.1	149.1
	Change	-3.4	-33.0	-10.3	3.0	-26%
Total	Curr Wk	106.0	233.9	100.5	160.7	754.9
Percent	Change	-4%	-27%	-26%	-7%	-20%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	754.9	-20%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	313.4	-10%	38
Total Shell Egg	1068.3	-18%	213

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 175 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 23, 2002

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	194.2	191.1	182.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING DECEMBER 23, 2002 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	151	151	141	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JANUARY 10, 2003

CURRENT LOADS			18.75		FUTURE LOADS			14.25		TOTAL LOADS			33.00								
		SE			NE			MW	LOADS			SC			NW			SW			LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST						
GNR W XL	—	55.00	—	—	—	—	3.00		GNR W XL	—	53.00	—	—	—	—	—			—	—	1.00
GNR W 1	44.00	48.00	44.50	46.00	—	—	5.00		GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			—	—	2.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	48.00	—	1.00		GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	58.00			—	—	1.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	56.50	—	1.00		GL W J	—	—	—	—	71.00	70.57					1.75	
GL W XL	—	—	57.00	59.00	59.00	—	8.25		GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	68.75					3.00	
GL W LG	—	—	67.00	—	55.00	—	6.00		GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	64.83					5.00	
GL W MD	—	—	45.00	47.00	—	—	1.00														
GL W SM	31.00	32.75	—	—	—	—	1.00														
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	33.00	34.00	5.00														

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 01/04/03-01/10/03

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
103.00								126.25								229.25							
		SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		MW									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W XL	—	55.00	—	—	—	—	3.00	GNR W XL	—	53.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W XL	—	53.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 1	41.50	47.43	42.00	45.75	47.67	44.00	74.00	GNR W 1	—	49.67	—	—	—	59.00	23.00	GNR W 1	—	49.67	—	—	—	59.00	23.00
GNR W 2	—	37.00	43.50	45.00	40.60	—	8.00	GNR W 2	—	44.67	—	—	—	51.50	5.00	GNR W 2	—	44.67	—	—	—	51.50	5.00
GNR W 3	—	—	29.00	30.00	32.50	—	4.00	GNR W 3	—	38.00	—	—	—	—	3.00	GNR W 3	—	38.00	—	—	—	—	3.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	31.50	34.00	1.00	GNR BR 1	109.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR BR 1	109.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	104.00	—	114.00	1.50	GL W J	—	—	—	—	71.00	68.67	3.75	GL W J	—	—	—	—	71.00	68.67	3.75
GL W J	—	—	—	—	55.42	—	3.00	GL W XL	57.33	58.00	—	—	—	63.04	24.00	GL W XL	57.33	58.00	—	—	—	63.04	24.00
GL W XL	—	56.00	54.00	56.90	54.72	—	46.25	GL W LG	—	58.00	—	—	—	60.27	29.50	GL W LG	—	58.00	—	—	—	60.27	29.50
GL W LG	—	56.47	54.88	51.50	50.50	—	42.25	GL W MD	41.00	41.00	—	—	—	46.22	8.50	GL W MD	41.00	41.00	—	—	—	46.22	8.50
GL W MD	—	40.00	39.40	40.80	34.55	37.00	17.00	GL W SM	—	29.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W SM	—	29.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W SM	31.38	33.13	29.83	31.83	—	—	5.00																
GL BR LG	—	—	105.00	—	—	—	4.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	29.00	32.83	32.46	33.68	42.50																
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	21.50	2.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	01/06/03	12/30/02	01/07/02
PACIFIC COAST	390	464	234
LOS ANGELES	355	407	167

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
82.02	80.02	65.64	53.42

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 12/2902-01/04/03
30-dozen case 4,565

Receipts from the mainland: 12/22/02-12/28/02
30-dozen case 5,512

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